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The Right Reverend James A. Pike

Clifford Hall

SFF notes with sorrow the passing of one of its more colorful and controversial members. Bishop James Pike had a way of irritating some people and delighting others. SFF readers have been especially interested during recent years as his name became linked with that of our own Arthur Ford in highly publicized events leading up to the publication of Pike's book, The Other Side. Sympathizing with the Bishop in his sorrow, and sensing his utter honesty in trying to analyze the psychic events that occurred, we can agree with him in most of his conclusions. By fearlessly publicizing his experiences and mentioning SFF by name, giving the address, he helped SFF greatly. Quite a number of our newer members found us in this way!

Even though we differ greatly with some of the approaches taken by Bishop Pike in his life-long quest, we recognize our own kinship to his relentless search for proof of an Eternal existence. While his life was on public view, many of our SFF family watched the developments welcoming every encounter which brought credence and dignity to our hope of establishing valid proof of the other dimension.

How fitting that his turbulent earthly journey should end peacefully in the land of the Master's footsteps.

Thank you, Bishop! And the very best of wishes as you embark on the "Supreme Adventure".

Mu-Ne-Dowk Retreat Center - Kiel, Wis.

The First Wisconsin Area Retreat was held on Sept. 5,6,7. Mrs. Elizabeth McClellan organized and directed this highly successful retreat with the Hindu Sadhu Balwant Grewal Singh of Detroit, Mich., as the principal speaker. The major topics of the retreat were the Principles of Meditation, Levels of Consciousness, Law of Vibration and the Cycle of Evolution.

Alice Platt, SFF member from Arlington Heights, Ill., led a discussion of "Your Dreams - Another Consciousness!"

This retreat followed the usual plan of meeting in small informal groups. The feeling of fellowship was marvelous. The location was most conducive to an expressive retreat.

Another SFF member attending, Naomi Scantlin of Des Plaines, Ill., noted the success of Mrs. Platt's dream workshop and the development of several psychic pictures. These are taken by placing photographic paper over the area of the Solar Plexis or the Third Eye and attempting to record the emanating vibrations.

Dream counseling advises the charting of dreams to gain more information about one's own self, past lives and current situations. Mrs. Scantlin was most impressed with the great degree of increased ability stimulated by the retreat surroundings. She was able to read with ease the auric fields of several persons and they were greatly helped with various problems. She emphasized the need of retreats and fellowship to bring out our latent ability stymied in our everyday environment.

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Smithtown, New York - Dora Strnad

A Healing Mission was held at the Smithtown United Methodist Church, Smithtown, N. Y., on June 8 and 9. Mr. and Mrs. Ambrose Worrall led the lectures. Rev. John W. Bardsley of the host Church conducted a Laying-on-of-Hands Healing service assisted by many visiting ministers. Mrs. Eleanor Dwyer of the Long Island Chapter of SFF helped with the arrangements. More than three hundred persons attended.

To quote Dora Strnad, "It was our first attempt at this sort of thing and I wish I could really convey to you the feeling of accomplishment and joy and fellowship which prevailed at the Church. Mr. and Mrs. Worrall are a source of inspiration and joy to all of us."

Our SFF Family

In addition to the area retreats sponsored regularly by SFF and covered by Newsletter, there are many small groups made up of SFF members who are quietly pursuing their quest into the unknown. Their slow steady climb toward union with the Supreme Cosmic Consciousness is guarded against over-fascination with the psychic level. These groups prefer to remain unknown, not desiring to attract publicity because of their experiences. However, the joy of religious stimulation draws them to our SFF office to share these truths.

We would like to tell you about only one of these groups:

"We meet regularly in whichever home can offer us quiet uninterrupted space. We begin with the Lord's Prayer and a quiet moment. Then we have a lively discussion. Everyone feeling free to express his inner-most thoughts, hopes and dreams without fear of being negatively accepted or repeated elsewhere. We realize our time spent together builds up a great feeling of love and fellowship which becomes a reservoir of energy for our individual use. In the past few weeks, we have all had many flashes of intuitive knowledge (our highest goal), vivid prophetic dreams and psychic phenomena. We recognize God as the Ultimate Source and feel truth can be gathered from all experiences regardless of label of origin. We have come to have a tremendous respect for our various organized religions recognizing in them and their dogma, much truth when reviewed in the light of our expanding spiritual concepts. Next to God and our families, our "secret" circle, has become the most important factor in our lives. Thanks to SFF for bringing us together."

Dream Study Groups

Alice Platt, SFF member who studied dream techniques at A.R.E. in Virginia Beach, Va., has been most helpful in starting several "dream groups". These groups are composed of those individuals sincerely dedicated to seeking a Higher, more Complete Expression. The truths uncovered through deliberately programmed dreams usually send the member to the SFF librarian, Linda Hoffmann, searching for a book to verify their new insight.

In the past months, Mrs. Platt has been pleased to note inspiring results such as: a daughter and mother with a new compatible understanding; a more productive job, replacing a discouraging rut; a woman so desperate, life was unbearable with renewed joy of living.

Many cases of improved physical health and Spiritual peace followed the confirmation that Man is never alone!

Anyone wishing more information on a dream group may contact Mrs. Platt through the SFF offices.

How About You?

Newsletter wants to hear about your activities. What experiences have you had? Has your group conducted any experiments?

Call the SFF office, Mrs. Rheva Grau will be happy to channel your activities so we may all share them.

We are anxious to hear about the fall programs planned by the various SFF groups. Please send this information on in so that we may print it well in advance of the season.

Our very best wishes to our Charter Members, the Revs. Mr. and Mrs. Chuck Nichols on their Fortieth Wedding Anniversary. At this printing they are celebrating on an European trip.

Linda Hoffmann, our librarian, has two new books for sale from the SFF Book Service. Please be sure to add 25¢ postage and handling with each order.

TUCKER, CYRIL ---	<u>Do You Know Jesus?</u>	\$3.00
HIGGINS, PAUL L. -----	<u>Mother of All</u>	\$4.00

Woodbury, New Jersey

On Tuesday, October 14, at 8:00 p.m., Robert W. Laidlaw, M.D., will speak on "Parapsychology and Psychiatry." Dr. Laidlaw is a prominent New York City psychiatrist and member of the board of trustees of the American Society for Psychical Research.

On Wednesday, November 12, at 8:00 p.m., Allen Spraggett, Religion Editor of the Toronto Star, will speak on "Miraculous Healings Today." Mr. Spraggett is author of The Unexplained and a forthcoming book documenting the healings of Kathryn Kuhlman.

Both of these programs will be held at Christ Church on Delaware Street just off Broad Street in back of the County Building. A donation of \$1.50 will be asked for each lecture.

Evanston, Illinois

Rev. W. Le Cato Edwards, of Epworth, England will address the North Shore Chapter, on Wednesday night, October 15, 1969 at Garrett Theological Seminary, 2121 Sheridan Road, Evanston. Rev. Edwards, a former Methodist missionary in India is also a member of the Churches' Fellowship for Psychical and Spiritual Studies. It is from this rich background particularly the mysticism of Eastern religion that he will address the group.

Dr. J. B. Rhine of Duke University and the Foundation of Research into the Nature of Man will speak before the group at an as yet undetermined date in November.

Reading-Berks County, Pennsylvania

The Rev. Lawrence W. Althouse, Chairman of the Reading, Pa., Berks Chapter, invites SFF members to join a European Friendship Tour for next summer, July 9-30, 1970. The tour, which includes the Passion Play at Oberammergau will visit Switzerland, Italy, Austria, Germany, East and West Berlin, the Netherlands, and England. Opportunities for contacts with psychics, particularly in London, can be arranged for those interested. The price of the tour is \$895, including round-trip airfare from Philadelphia, superior Tourist and First Class hotels with private bath, two table d'hote meals per day as well as all tips, sightseeing, admissions. Arrangements have been made through the famous Swiss agency, Kuoni Travel, Inc. and Swissair. If you are interested in further details, please contact Lawrence W. Althouse, 12 N. Church Street, Mohnton, Pennsylvania 19540.

ARTHUR FORD is compelled for health reasons to cancel all appointments for several months. He hopes that those who wish to write to him will send their letters in care of the SFF office in Evanston. The doctors assure Mr. Ford that by early Spring he will be able to resume his work.

Indianapolis, Indiana

Mrs. A.R. Edyvean of 268 W. Hampton Dr. in Indianapolis has agreed to become Area Chairman of this newly organized group.

Park Ridge, Illinois

The Park Ridge, Ill. Study Group, meeting at the Park Ridge Community Church under the leadership of Kay Chandler, began their fall season Thursday, September 18. This group plans to use the Bible as their theme for this year. The meetings are held every other Thursday in the Church Library at 7:30 p.m.

WE LIST BELOW only a few of the many new additions to our library. Membership enables you to borrow these books when available. Please keep them and enjoy them thoroughly but return them, for we do have a waiting list for some books.

Listen the Lord, Seven Who Hear
donated by Lincoln B. Justice
Reincarnation in the 20th Century, Martin Ebon
donated by the publishers
Prayer and the Living Christ, Flora Wuellner
donated by the publishers
Do You Know Jesus?, Cyril Tucker
donated by the author
Man, the Temple of God, Olga Park
donated by the author
The Ultimate Formula of Life, H. Berner
donated by Phillip Warren
Your Mysterious Powers of ESP, Harold Sherman
donated by the publisher
Crime and the Psychic World, Fred Archer
donated by the publisher
Mother of All, Paul L. Higgins
donated by the author
Precious Stones, Their Occult Power and Hidden Significance, W. B. Crow
donated by Helen Reep
Voices from the Edge of Eternity, John Myers
donated by Glenn Jackson
The Mystical Life, J. H. M. Whiteman
donated by Albert Tisder
The New Testament, A New Translation,
Ronald Knox
donated by George Wright

SFF Study Series: THE PARANORMAL IN THE BIBLE
Lesson 8, October 1969

Subject: HEALING BY TOUCH

--Prepared by Paul Wilkinson

I. Definition:

Healing by touch (the more popular phrase is "laying on of hands") is the phenomenon or demonstration of healing mediated or communicated by some form of direct or tactile contact.

II. Biblical references:

"Then he (elijah) stretched himself upon the child..." - I Kings 17:21.

"Then he (elisha) went up and lay upon the child,..." - II Kings 4:34.

"he (Jesus) touched her hand,..." - Matthew 8:15 (and Mark 1:31).

"and he (Jesus) laid his hands on every one of them and healed them."

-Luke 4:40

"And he (Jesus) stretched out his hand and touched him,..."

-Matthew 8:3 (and Mark 1:41, Luke 5:13)

"pressed upon him (Jesus) to touch him." - Mark 3:10 (and Mark 6:56,

Luke 6:19)

"he (Jesus) came and touched the bier,..." - Luke 7:14

"and touched the fringe of his (Jesus) garment;..." - Luke 8:44 (and

Mark 5:30)

"took her by the hand" - Matthew 9:25 (and Mark 5:41, Luke 8:54)

"he (Jesus) touched their eyes,..." - Matthew 9:29

"he (Jesus) put his fingers into his ears, and he spat and touched his tongue;..." - Mark 7:33

"and anointed the man's eyes with clay." - John 9:6

"And he (Jesus) laid his hands upon her,..." - Luke 13:13

"And Jesus in pity touched their eyes." - Matthew 20:34

"And he (Jesus) touched his ear and healed him." - Luke 22:51

"as Peter came by at least his shadow might fall on some of them."

-Acts 5:15

"and embracing him..." - Acts 20:10

"and putting his (Paul) hands on him healed him." - Acts 28:8

"by the hands of Paul..." - Acts 19:11

"anointing him with oil..." - James 5:15

III. Comments:

In all human experience much is communicated by touch. Modern methods of sensitivity training, personality adjustment, and group therapy employ various "games" where touch is used to communicate affection, caring, compassion, acceptance, love. Persons who have had these experiences have found that healing of emotional tensions often occur simply by physical contact with another person.

Study of the above references illustrates how eleven of the thirty recorded healings in the Gospels involved body contact or touch by Jesus. In one a woman touched Jesus and in another he touched a bier. This seems to indicate that, while not essential, physical contact is helpful in healing.

It may be that the "laying on of hands" has a sacramental symbolism. Could touch be an outward and visible experimental sign of the more inward truth that God is the ever-present power of Life and Light and Love, and by touch of the healer the immediacy of God is communicated?

It may be that touch is also suggestive of the fact that power has been mediated. Since we are immersed in the carnal mind of limitation, space, time, persons, and conditions could it be that the symbol of touch becomes the evidence that something has happened, that power has been released, making it possible to realize what God is doing?

It may be that touch is the more mechanical means for the transmission of healing energy. Only now is science beginning to understand something of the nature of energy fields. While lightning can jump between two separated electrodes, it is when direct contact has been made that the full flow and discharge is possible.

A frontiersman will be experimenting with touch as a means of communication of affection, Christian love (the early church greeted each other with a holy kiss), joy, and healing.

IV. Suggestions for individual and/or group study:

1. Study the listed biblical references. Find others. Recall instances of healing by contact as told in reference sources and in your own personal experience.
2. Note that three of the references (I Kings 17:21, II Kings 4:34 and Acts 20:10) could possibly refer to mouth to mouth resuscitation.
3. Research the laws governing energy fields, nature's abhorrence of a vacuum, and the flow from a field of higher potential to a field of lower potential. Apply these physical laws to healing by touch.
4. According to the laws of energy, will a healing "discharge" occur even though it is mediated by bedside ministries such as massage, or even the shaking of hands? Need it be a formal "laying on of hands"? Study the biblical references.
5. How about the "anointing with oil"? Is this a sacrament? How and who should administer this rite? Is the oil a necessity or a symbol?
6. Experiment with contacts of various kinds within the group. Discuss how you feel about touching and being touched. Someone in the group may have had experience in "sensitivity training" procedures. He will be able to give leadership in several "contact" experiments.
7. How does the "healer" build up his "field of energy"? How does he discharge it? Is this "gift of healing hands" a special gift? Refer to I Corinthians 12:28. Should anyone feel free to practice the "laying on of hands".

V. Bibliography:

Reference on this subject may be found in many books where healing, in the broader sense, is discussed. However, extensive or exclusive treatment of "healing by touch" is limited.

Paul Wilkinson, author of this month's lesson, is pastor of the Asbury Methodist Church in Phoenix, Arizona, and SFF Chairman in Phoenix.

(CONCLUSION OF TAPE LIST BEGAN IN SEPTEMBER ISSUE)

Many of the new tapes are recordings of the Park Ridge Conference and are available now:

- #78 - Side 1 Louise Eggleston Quest Group, May 16, 1969
Side 2 Louise Eggleston Quest Group, May 17, 1969
Rev. James Flanagan, sermon and worship service
- #79 - Side 1 Jo Kimmel Quest Group, May 16, 1969
Side 2 Jo Kimmel Quest Group, May 17, 1969
"The Celebration of the Communion of Saints," Rev. Paul L. Higgins
Worship led by the Rev. Ross Sweeny, May 16, 1969
- #80 - Side 1 Glenn Harding Quest Group, Friday and first part of Saturday, May 16 and 17
Side 2 Glenn Harding, second part of Saturday Quest Group
Worship led by Richard Batzler, May 15, 1969
Worship led by Richard Batzler, May 16, 1969
Commentary by Olga Worrall on Spirit pictures shown at Ankeny, Iowa, April 19, 1969
- #81 - Side 1 Paul Wilkinson Quest Group, May 16, 1969
Side 2 Paul Wilkinson Quest Group May 17, 1969
- #82 - Side 1 Hugh Lynn Cayce, "Strange Powers of the Mind," April 22, 1969 and question period
Side 2 question period continued
Hugh Lynn Cayce on Firewalkers and Crossiet, Etc., April 22, 1969 at Ankeny, Iowa
- #83 - Side 1 Worship by Mark Weston of Ankeny, Iowa
Ambrose Worrall, April 19, 1969 at Ankeny, Iowa
Side 2 Ambrose and Olga Worrall, continued
Dr. Harmon Bro talk on research on Edgar Cayce at Virginia Beach to earn his
Ph.D. at University of Chicago
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Vermont-New Hampshire Organization Meeting

The Rev. Charles R. Lawrence of Barre, Vermont, would like to organize an SFF group in this area. The Rev. Lawrence says, "It seems a group, meeting together, could be a stimulus to all involved," and asks that all interested persons meet at 3:00 p.m., Sunday, October 26 at The Church of the Good Shepherd on City Park, Barre, Vermont.

Since some of you may be coming from distances, it would be well to bring a sack lunch. Coffee and tea will be served.

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